

Music Tuition with Miss Miller - message for specific students only

MESSAGE READS:

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to let you know that unfortunately, Miss Miller is unable to provide music tuition at Kingdown this term due to unforeseen circumstances. However, Miss Miller is eager to return after the half term and resume teaching from the week beginning 8th November. In consultation with Mr Cooper, Head of Music, we would like to roll your payment for Term 1 lessons directly over to Term 2. We aim to offer 6 lessons in Term 2, opposed to the 5 lessons scheduled in Term 1. As a gesture of good faith, we would like to cover the difference, with our apologies for the disruption caused to your child's tuition this term. Therefore, if you have already paid for lessons this term, your child is all set for lessons up until the Christmas break.

I hope this solution is agreeable with you. Should you have any concerns or questions regarding this matter, please do hesitate to contact me directly, either via email (pab@kingdown.wilts.sch.uk) or on my direct line (01985 224237)

Many thanks for your continued support,

Paul Barnes
Media & Events Technician

Issues with the parents view on ParentMail

MESSAGE READS:

Dear Parent

Unfortunately due to a technical error our tills and ParentMail are not communicating at this time. We are trying our best to resolve this situation, any funds you have paid onto ParentMail since last Thursday evening (9th Sept) will show on your child's account when this has been resolved.

In the meantime students will not be refused food and drink.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

Kind regards

The Catering Manager

Issues with the Canteen Tills

MESSAGE READS:

Good morning

Unfortunately at present we are having issues with ParentMail communicating with our till system. We can receive payments, so any money you top up with will make it to your child's account.

The issue we have is that the transactions made aren't being sent to ParentMail for you to see. So you won't be able to see what your child has eaten or the correct balance of their account.

Please rest assured we are dealing with this, it is an external error which we are working closely with the till company to fix.

In the meantime your child will be able to continue to get food, NO child will be refused food.

Kind regards

Joel Deverill Executive Chef - Acorn Education Trust

Rescheduling the Sponsored Walk from 1st October to the 8th October 2021

MESSAGE READS:

Dear Parents

It is with great regret that we are going to have to cancel the Sponsored Walk which was due to take place tomorrow, Friday, 1st October.

The reason for this is due to the forecasted weather.

We have a reserve date of Friday, 8th October, next week, where we will attempt to complete the Sponsored Walk - again, weather permitting.

The non-uniform charity day booked for the 8th October will move to the following Friday (15th October).

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Dudley

Young Enterprise students – message for specific students only

MESSAGE READS:

Young Enterprise will be taking place after school each Wednesday 2.55 pm – 3.50pm, students have begun their initial preparation in lessons and are now ready to investigate and action their business ideas. Each student will be receiving an email from the Young Enterprise charity welcoming them to Company Programme.

Kind Regards

Ms Eggleston

Kingdown School Year 11 – message for year 11 students only

MESSAGE READS:

Dear Parent/Carer

As your Year 11 child embarks on what is arguably the most important year of their education, I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Mr Hillier and I am a Deputy Headteacher at Kingdown School and in charge of KS4. Firstly, I would like to congratulate our Year 11 students on a very successful start to term 1. Having completed their first week, I have received many positive comments from teachers referring to the mature and determined nature in which they have returned. I will be meeting with all Year 11 this week to discuss my expectations for the year, these will include:

1. Attendance and punctuality to lessons
2. The importance of working hard
3. Completing all homework
4. Being respectful
5. Have **PRIDE** (Personal Responsibility In Delivering Excellence)
6. Uniform [School Uniform - Kingdown School](#)

Please find below some Key Dates for Year 11 and some information on Careers for our Year 11 students. I will communicate with you regularly to keep you informed of everything related to Year 11, however, if you have any specific queries relating to your child, please contact their Tutor or Myself, we will be happy to help.

Key Dates – Year 11

27 th September – 1 st October	Celebration Awards Week
27 th September – 1 st October	Year 11 Assessment Week
1 st October	Sponsored Walk
8 th October	Non-uniform Day – Red/White/Blue
13 th -15 th October	Year 11 Hospitality & Catering Practical Mock Exam
1 st November	1.00pm-5.00pm Meet the Tutor (Video Meetings)
10 th – 11 th November	Year 11 Engineers Trowbridge College Taster Day
12 th November	Non-uniform Day – Children in Need
18 th November	6.00pm Post 16 Options Evening
26 th November	Year 11 Art Trip – Bristol
29 th November – 10 th December	Year 11 Mocks 1
16 th December	6.30pm Christmas Music Concert
11 th – 13 th January	Year 11 Geography Trip – Bristol
19 th January	Year 11 Mock Results Day
20 th January	4.00pm – 7.00pm Year 11 Parents’ Meetings
8 th February	Twickenham Year 11 & Tutors Revision Planning Session
9 th February	Wembley Year 11 & Tutors Revision Planning Session
10 th February	Millennium Year 11 & Tutors Revision Planning Session
15 th February	Silverstone Year 11 & Tutors Revision Planning Session
16 th February	Lord’s Year 11 & Tutors Revision Planning Session
17 th February	Wimbledon Year 11 & Tutors Revision Planning Session
7 th – 18 th March	Year 11 Mock Exams 2
21 st – 25 th March	Year 11 Parent / Student Exam Preparation Meetings
31 st March	Year 11 Reports Home
31 st March	6.30pm Spring Music Concert / Young Musician of the Year
4 th – 6 th April	Awards Assemblies (by House; dates to be confirmed)
TBC: 16 th May – 28 th June	Summer Exams
4 th – 8 th July	Sixth Form Induction Week
7 th July	Year 11 Prom
8 th July	Sports Day
14 th July	5.00pm Summer Music Concert
20 th July	6.00pm Musical Theatre Production
21 st July	3.00pm Musical Theatre Production 6.00pm Musical Theatre Production

Careers

Miss Gale – Careers Advisor at Kingdown School.

Year 11 is a crucial year for applying to Post-16 options, which could be 6th Form, an apprenticeship/ traineeship or College (including T-Levels). All students in year 11 have the opportunity to meet with myself, Miss Gale, L6 qualified Careers Advisor to discuss what they want to do in the future as a Career and what they want to do Post-16. I am happy to meet with parents also via TEAMS or in person, if you feel this would be beneficial, please e-mail me to book: vjg@kingdown.wilts.sch.uk.

We encourage students to plan ahead and in doing so, take the time to research and make an informed decision about their future. With this in mind, College and 6th Form open events begin in October and I would advise you visiting early as the application deadline for Kingdown 6th form is 17th December (other 6th forms will vary, please see their website for specific information).

We have also set the deadline of Friday 17th December for all other applications for student’s Post-16 options as this then allows them time to focus on their exams and coursework. Applying early will also ensure they have information from the relevant 6th form/ college about any taster days; for example Bath College are looking to do a 1 day College taster day in February half term for students who have applied.

Further information about Careers and Post-16 options will be posted in the Kingdown newsletter and via twitter: @KingdownCareers (please follow if you aren't already). You will also find a wealth of information about Post-16 options and Careers on Career Pilot <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/> and also via our school website (under year 7-11 heading and Careers at KS3 & KS4), where you will find a link to our Bespoke Career Companion site

Reminder of Key Dates:

Wiltshire College 1 st Open Day, Trowbridge:	Thursday	14th October 2021 (5-7pm)
Bath College 1 st Open Day: and Somer Valley campuses	Wednesday	13th October 2021 (4-7pm) at both City Centre
Kingdown 6 th Form Post-16 Options Open Evening	Thursday	18th November 6pm
Kingdown 6 th Form deadline for applications:	Friday	17th December 2021,

Mr Hillier

Kingdown School Year 10 – message for year 10 students only
MESSAGE READS:

Dear Parent/Carer,

As your Year 10 child embarks on what is arguably the most important two years of their education, I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Mr Hillier and I am a Deputy Headteacher at Kingdown School and in charge of KS4. Firstly, I would like to congratulate our Year 10 students on a very successful start to term 1. Having completed their first full week, I have received many positive comments from teachers referring to the mature and determined nature in which they have returned. I will be meeting with all Year 10 next week to discuss my expectations for the year, these will include:

1. Attendance and punctuality to lessons
2. The importance of working hard
3. Completing all homework
4. Being respectful
5. Have **PRIDE** (Personal Responsibility In Delivering Excellence)
6. Uniform [School Uniform - Kingdown School](#)

Please find below some Key Dates for Year 10 and some information on Careers for our Year 10 students. I will be communicating with you again across the year to keep you informed of everything related to Year 10, however, if you have any specific queries relating to your child, please contact their Tutor or myself, we will be happy to help.

Year 10 – Key Dates for your diary

w/c 27 th September	Celebration Awards Week
1 st October	Sponsored Walk
5 th October	Year 10 Photography Trip -Bath/Bristol Docks
8 th October	Non-uniform Day – Red/White/Blue
1 st November	1.00pm-5.00pm Meet the Tutor (Video Meetings)
2 nd – 5 th November	Year 10 Assessment Week
12 th November	Non-uniform Day – Children in Need
18 th November	Year 10 Reports Home
16 th December	6.30pm Christmas Music Concert
28 th February – 4 th March	Year 10 Assessment Week
4 th March	Women in Engineering - Year 10 Product Design/Textiles
10 th March	Year 10 Engineers – Haynes Motor Museum
16 th March	Year 10 Parents' Meetings / Year 10 Reports Home
31 st March	6.30pm Spring Music Concert / Young Musician of the Year

4 th – 6 th April	Awards Assemblies (by House; dates to be confirmed)
TBC: 16 th May – 28 th June	Summer Exams
24 th May	Year 10 Business Trip – Thorpe Park
9 th June	Year 10 Photography Trip -Weston-Super-Mare /Burnham-on-Sea
13 th – 17 th June	Year 10 Vocational Catch-up Week 1
27 th June – 1 st July	Year 10 Exam Week
7 th July	Year 10 Product Design – New Designers
4 th – 8 th July	Year 10 Vocational Catch-Up Week 2
8 th July	Sports Day
11 th – 15 th July	Year 10 Block Placement – Vocational Subjects
14 th July	Year 10 Reports Home
14 th July	5.00pm Summer Music Concert
15 th July	Year 10 GCSE Art Trip – Bristol
19 th July	Year 10 Geography Trip – Southbourne
20 th July	6.00pm Musical Theatre Production
21 st July	3.00pm Musical Theatre Production 6.00pm Musical Theatre Production
21 st July	Year 10 Geography Trip – Southbourne

Careers

Note from Miss Gale – Careers Advisor at Kingdown School.

Year 10 is a crucial year to get your young person seriously thinking about what they want to do in the future as a Career and what they want to do Post-16. We encourage students to plan ahead and in doing so, take the time to research and make an informed decision about their future.

In school your young person will be encouraged to research their skills, strengths and interests via Career Pilot and begin to formulate plans for after Year 11.

To help them do this, please have a look at Career Pilot together, <https://www.careerpilot.org.uk/> - a good place to begin with is section 1: Start with you. Take a look at “Start with a subject” or one of the Quizzes.

They can also attend College open days if they are considering College or apprenticeships, these begin in October – it’s not too early to start introducing them to the ideas now, sometimes it creates less pressure in Year 11. We appreciate that you know your young person the best, therefore be guided by what you feel will work for them.

Students will have the offer of a 1:1 Career meeting with myself, Miss Gale, L6 qualified Careers Advisor, beginning in Term 6 of Year 10. If you have any questions as a parent please feel free to e-mail me vig@kingdown.wilts.sch.uk. You will find a wealth of information about Post-16 options and Careers on Career Pilot and also via our school website (under year 7-11 heading and Careers at KS3 & KS4), where you will find a link to our Bespoke Career Companion site. The school also produces a Careers and Opportunities bulletin, advertises in the Kingdown News and via our Twitter link: [@KingdownCareers](https://twitter.com/KingdownCareers) (please follow if you aren’t already).

End of messages from Kingdown School

Please see below messages from external agencies:

Flu Vaccinations

Kingdown School is sending you this email on behalf of the Virgin Care School Immunisation Team.

Dear Parents & Carers,

Your child is in **Year 7 to Year 11** from September 2021 and is therefore eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. The immunisation team will be visiting your child's school on: **Thursday 14th October 2021**
Flu vaccination is one of the most effective interventions we have to reduce pressure on the health and social care system, which is going to be more important than ever this year. For this reason, it is essential we deliver the vaccine to as many children as possible to protect them and prevent the spread of infection to those most at risk in society.

We are expecting demand to be high and therefore we urge you to follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination asap. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "decline". On this link you will also find answers to your FAQ's and links to the current Public Health England and manufacturers leaflets. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

Prior to completion of the consent, we would like each individual child's unique NHS number – this can be found in their red book, or via this link: [Find your NHS number - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Please note, this field is not mandatory so if you are experiencing problems finding your child's NHS number then you can leave this blank.

To complete the consent/decline please click on this link: <https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2021/wilts>
We will be **operating a strict policy of closing the consent links and your school's link will close at midnight on the 5th October 2021**. If you miss this deadline, your child(ren) will not be vaccinated at school and you will be offered the opportunity to book them into a local community catch up clinic. This also applies if your child is absent or refuses the vaccination at school.

If you have any difficulties with completing the consent form, please contact the Immunisation Team on our Single Point of Access (SPA).

Tel: 0300 247 0082 (lines open 9:00 until 16:30) **Email: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net**

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Virgin Care Immunisation Team

Covid-19 Vaccinations
Kingdown School is sending you this email on behalf of the Virgin Care School Immunisation Team.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please see an important communication from The Virgin Care Services Team for CoVID Vaccinations COVID-19 vaccination for children aged 12 to 15 years of age

I am writing to inform you that we will imminently be offering COVID-19 vaccinations in school. Covid vaccinations will only be administered to children where a positive consent has been completed by parents/ guardians. If there is any discrepancy between child and parental view a call will be made to parents away from the immunisation sessions to discuss and catch-up vaccinations can be arranged where required.

This vaccination will be free of charge and our highest priority is making it easy for children to access one dose of the vaccine before the winter.

The main purpose of the COVID-19 school age vaccination programme is to provide protection to the children who receive the vaccine and may help to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in the wider population.

We are only able to obtain consent for the covid vaccine programme a few days prior to the session taking place. Therefore, please look out for the link to complete the e consent via school and complete as soon as this is received to ensure your child does not miss out on the vaccine at school should you wish them to have this. The consent link will only be open for 48 hours for your school.

To inform your consent and decisions about the vaccine prior to receiving the consent please see information on the children's covid vaccination via this link:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1019020/PE_12073_COVID-19_parents_leaflet.pdf

The programme is open to all young people in school years 7-11 who are 12 years or older on the date of vaccination. The offer is currently only available in schools and not other venues. The vaccine is being co-administered alongside the nasal flu vaccine in school (where the flu session has not already been completed in school), **the consent for the flu vaccination will be distributed via email shortly before the vaccination** so please also complete the flu consent if you wish your child to receive both vaccines. Please note the Covid vaccine is not a live vaccine and there is therefore no risk to other children or unvaccinated children from this taking place in school.

The universal 12–15-year-olds vaccination is currently a 1 dose vaccine schedule, should this change or should your child be identified as clinically extremely vulnerable or identified as living with an immuno-compromised household member, contact will be made to obtain consent for subsequent vaccine doses where required.
Best wishes,

Charlotte Forward
Operational Lead for 12-15 CoVID Vaccinations
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